Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar : Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know, was it due to dearth of applications that more acres were not leased out for cultivation ?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar : Yes, Sir.

Import of cattle into Travancore from Cochin.

27. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether large numbers of cattle purchased by the agriculturists from the northern taluks of the State were detained by the Cochin Police and the purchasers arrested in the months of Edavom and Mithunam this year ;

(*b*) if so, under what grounds and authority were those arrests and detentions effected ;

(*c*) whether it was brought to the notice of Government ; and

(*d*) what action, if any, was taken by the Government on the same and with what result ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner*) :

(*a*) Some cattle purchased from Cochin and British Malabar are reported to have been detained by the Cochin Police when they were being taken through the Cochin State.

(*b*) For want of export permits under a notification issued by the Government of Cochin.

(*c*) yes.

(*d*) action is being taken to get the cattle released.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : In answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know whether any purchaser was arrested during the course of transit of cattle ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan : The matter is under correspondence.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : My question is whether any purchaser was actually arrested at the time of purchase and transit of cattle ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan : Report of what happened has been called for.

Deep sea fishing.

28. * **Mr. K. M. Kesavan** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have made any investigation with regard to the possibilities of deep sea fishing ;

(*b*) whether the investigations are over ;

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